THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN—Hero Heading Home.

By Delos Lovelace-Capt. Edwin Homer.

In New York
A FAMOUS MANHATTAN HERO IS RETURNING TO HOME FRONT TROUBLE. THE COUSIN WHO HAS HANDLED HIS AFFAIRS CAN'T BALANCE THE BOOKS.....
Broadway After Dark
DIRK KNICKERBOCKER, TOP DRAWER NEW YORKER KNOWN BEFORE THE WAR AS THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN IS AT LAST LEAVING THE ARMY... HE WAS A PACIFIC SUPERSPY!
Little Old NEW YORK
BROADWAY BETS THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN WILL NOT LIKE RECONVERSION...NITE CLUBS WILL BE TAME AFTER CLOAK AND DAGGER DOINGS
WHO'S NEWS TODA
THE DEMOBILIZING DUKE OF MANHATTAN BELONGS TO A FAMILY FAMED IN NEW YORK SINCE 1625. HE IS A COLONEL, WEALTHY, ONLY 27, AND A BACHELOR TO BOOT!

NICKY WREN, COUSIN OF THE DUKE, CONFERS WITH BLITZ VON TEUFEL AND THE SLANT....
HE'S RETURNING TOO SOON... I'M RUINED VON TEUFEL
IN THE REICH I ESCAPE FAR WORSE THAN THIS.... LEAVE HIM TO ME!
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THERE'S HOME TIPPY... THERE'S MY MANHATTAN - NOW I TAKE LIFE EASY!
NOT YOU! YOU'RE A MAGNET FOR EXCITEMENT... SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN TONIGHT, BEFORE YOU HIT THE SACK.
NEW YORK
NO CHANCE - I'LL SAY HELLO TO UNCLE RIP AND NICK - THEN ... WE'LL PLAY AROUND!
DONT COUNT MUCH ON ME, I'LL BE A HOMICIDE SQUAD LIEUTENANT AS SOON AS I CHANGE MY PANTS!
THERE'S MY UNCLE, TIPPY...OLD DIETRICH KNICKERBOCKER WHO KNOWS ALL MANHATTAN'S SECRETS, BUT WHERE'S NICK?
DUKE!

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WREN'S MONEY WE NEED! HIM WE NEED TOO! HE MAKES US RESPECTABLE!
FOUR CLEVER MEN - A NAZI, A FRENCHMAN, A NORWEGIAN AND AN ENGLISHMAN ESCAPE WITH A CACHE OF LOOTED NAZI JEWELS AND ONE COWARD MAY SPOIL IT ALL!
THE PLAN WAS FOOLPROOF TOO... OPEN A PROPER STORE WITH WREN'S MONEY THEN SELL OUR GEMS TO BUYERS WREN BROUGHT
AND AT TOP PRICES WITH NO FENCE TAKING THE BIGGEST CUT!
IF WREN HAD DIED BEFORE TELLING ....THE MONEY WE WOULD HAVE STILL ....AND SUCH A BAIT AS HE WE MIGHT NOT NEED!

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GOOD AFTERNOON MISS SAUNDERS
HELLO COLONEL AND CAPTAIN... I'M MISS SAUNDERS, MR. WREN'S SECRETARY - OR I WAS...HAVE THE POLICE LEARNED ANYTHING?
HUBA! HUBA!
SO YOU KNOW US "SILKY"
MR WREN HAD ME KEEP SCRAPBOOKS OF HIS FAMOUS COUSIN'S WAR EXPERIENCES...
BUT IF HE HADN'T I MIGHT HAVE ROLLED MY OWN!
HEY! NO SCRAP BOOK OF NOONAN?
AS YOU WERE TIPPY! ....THIS IS A BUSINESS CALL!

THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN—I'll Show You.

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SEVEN DAYS AGO, I WAS A HERO... NOW NOBODY CARES... I'M JUST A COP...BUT I'VE GOT FUN... I'M ON THE WREN CASE!
I'LL BE OUT OF THIS UNIFORM, TOO, SOON... AND I'M TRYING EVEN HARDER THAN YOU TO GET MY HANDS ON NICK'S MURDERER— ANY ANGLES?
SORT OF... THE ELEVATOR OPERATORS GETTING READY TO KEEP A DATE... I HOPE!
A LITTLE FURTHER BRIEFING PLEASE!
I WON'T TELL YOU... I'LL SHOW YOU... COME ON!
I WON'T BE BACK TILL TOMORROW MISS SAUNDERS!
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THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN—The Unseen Face.

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WHILE TIPPY IS TELLING THE DUKE OF THE ELEVATOR OPERATOR'S DATE.. BLITZ VON TEUFEL IS ABOUT TO ENTER A SHABBY DRUG STORE...
DRUGS
SODA and
BEER 5¢
Junk
PIG AMERICANS! BUT FOR ME THIS TIME IT IS GOOD THAT THEY SO OFTEN LEAVE MESSES LIKE THIS!..
BANANA
SPLIT
SO!.. I ENTER WITH A PACKAGE.. WITH A PACKAGE I LEAVE!
SOON!.. THE ELEVATOR OPERATOR WILL COLLECT IN FULL!

HE CAME HERE YESTERDAY TOO, AND THE DAY BEFORE... AND HE LOOKED AT HIS WATCH THE SAME WAY!

DRUGS

HE'S SCOUTED THE DISTRICT, AND IT SEEMS SAFE...NOW HIS DATE TIME HAS COME...A TELEPHONE DATE!

HE'S BEEN IN THERE PLENTY LONG...EVEN IF HIS CALL IS OKAY... HE'S DUE FOR SOME QUESTIONING!

DRUGS

WAIT, TIPPY!... THIS HAS TO BE A PLANT!

BOY! OH BOY! WHADDA YOU KNOW!

WHOOM

WE NEVER HAD A BETTER FOXHOLE

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THE BOOTH WAS BOMBED ALL RIGHT...A TIME JOB, THE BOMB SQUAD SAYS... MELROSE 10-500. WILL I EVER FORGET THAT NUMBER!

AND THE BOMB WAS HIDDEN IN AN OLD, GOUGED-OUT PHONE BOOK! WANNA BET?

NOT ME! BUT I'LL BET THE DECEASED GOT HIS WHILE WAITING FOR A PRE-ARRANGED PHONE CALL... JUST AS YOU AND INSPECTOR McCONN FIGURE!

THE TELEPHONE COMPANY BACKS THAT! NO CALL CAME THROUGH THE BOOTH... HE'D KILLED NICK AND CAME TO BE TOLD ABOUT THE PAYOFF!

MAYBE WE'RE BEING BAFFLED BY A MASTER MIND?

MAYBE!.. BUT STICK AROUND.. I'M SEEING A MAN ABOUT A DOGGONED LOT OF MONEY... YOU'LL BE INTERESTED!

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COLONEL... MR BALANCE!

MR BALANCE IS THE ESTATES AUDITOR, TIPPY... HE'S SAYS NICK'S BOOKS ARE SHORT!

SHORT A COOL QUARTER OF A MILLION COLONEL!

ENOUGH TO START THE KIND OF A STORE MISS SAUNDERS MENTIONED!

YOU HAVE MADE THINGS ENTIRELY CLEAR MR BALANCE... THANKS!

A QUARTER OF A MILLION!.. A JEWELRY STORE!.. A GUY WHO SAYS NATURLICH!.. ?? HEY DUKE!

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I THINK YOU'RE THINKING OF WHAT I'VE BEEN THINKING!

ARE YOU THINKING OF STUFF THE NAZIS LOOTED AND HID?

NAZI LOOT IS EXACTLY WHAT I'M THINKING OF... ESPECIALLY JEWELS!

AND A RENEGADE NAZI'S GANG LIFTING THEM AGAIN AND ESCAPING!

CAN I GET INTO THIS?.. I'LL BET THE GANG FERRIED THE STUFF OVER HERE ON A U-BOAT OR MAYBE A CARGO SHIP, TO SELL!

NICK WAS MONEY-HUNGRY... AND HE'D HAVE FIGURED ON MAKING A LOT BY FINANCING A STORE AND BRINGING IN CUSTOMERS!

BUT THE GANG HAD NICKY BUMPED BECAUSE HE WEAKENED WHEN YOU CAME HOME!

NICKY WAS CLEVER BUT HIS NERVE WAS NEVER GOOD

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SO NOW TO FIND THE GANG'S STORE, IF THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH THE SCHEME!

I BELIEVE UNCLE RIP CAN FIND IT WITH MISS SAUNDERS' HELP... LET'S GO SEE HIM!

WHAT CAN I DO WITH YOUR UNCLE TO HELP?

USE YOUR PRETTY HEAD SILKY... I GOT IT SEVEN BLOCKS BACK!

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I'VE WAITED TO EXPLAIN MISS SAUNDERS, UNTIL I COULD TELL YOU AND UNCLE RIP TOGETHER!

TELL WHAT!

UNCLE RIP!.. HOW ABOUT TAKING MISS SAUNDERS SHOPPING FOR SOME VERY EXPENSIVE JEWELRY?

I'M OLD FOR A SUGAR DADDY... BUT I'M SURELY WILLING!

NOW I SEE! A FREE SPENDER AND HIS GIRL TO TEMPT THE RATZIS TO SHOW THEIR HAND... Um-m-m! SO I'M THAT TYPE!

YOU WILL BE... YOU'LL BE DISGUISED BUT GOOD.. AND I'LL BE AROUND, JUST IN CASE!

THERE'S NOTHING HERE WORTHY OF YOU, BABY!

IT AIN'T THAT I CARE ABOUT THE PRICE, DADDY... IT'S JUST THAT I LOVE GOOD THINGS!

I'M NOT BUYING CHEAP SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLAR DIAMONDS!

THIS IS OUR TWELFTH DAY AND JUST ABOUT OUR MILLIONTH STORE... I THINK WE'RE LICKED!

WE MAY HAVE WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE IN TODAY'S SHIPMENT... PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!

MAYBE WE'RE NOT LICKED!

I THINK THIS ONE IS A REAL, HOW DO YOU SAY, SUGAR DADDY/

SO I THINK! SHOW THE BEST... BUT WE SHALL BE CAREFUL! VIDKUN!... TRAIL HIM!

THE EMERALD EAR DROPS! THE RUBY RING! THE DIAMOND COLLAR! BRING THEM TO MY BANK AT TWO AND I'LL GIVE YOU A CHECK TO CASH AT THE SAME TIME!

IT'S A PLEASURE TO DEAL WITH A GEM EXPERT!

I DO KNOW JEWELS... THESE PRICES ARE GOOD... IF I DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE LOOT I'D BUY THEM!

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THEY HAVE A BITE AT LEAST... BUT WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE!

SHE SIGNALLED THAT ONE IN THE DOOR... IS THIS A TRAP?

THIS LOOKS WRONG! THAT ONE BEHIND IS A GUARD!.. BUT AN ORDINARY GUARD WOULD RIDE WITH THE CHAUFFER! I SMELL POLICE!

HEY! IS THAT BIG BENZ TRAILING UNCLE RIP... I'D BETTER LOOK THIS OVER!

OKAY BROTHER !!. I'LL KNOW YOU IF WE MEET AGAIN... AND I'VE GOT YOUR LICENSE NUMBER TOO!

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I'LL CHANGE TO A TAXI... THAT WILL PUT THEM OFF... I MUST KNOW!

THIS IS A ROUNDABOUT WAY HOME... BUT I LIKE TO SHOW, YOU MANHATTANS ODDITIES AND SECRETS!

I NEVER SUSPECTED THERE WERE SO MANY... AND YOU SEEM TO KNOW THEM ALL!

COME UP AND SEE MY DIARIES SOMETIME... LOOK! IN THAT HOUSE ONCE LIVED A BANKER WHOSE WIFE CHAINED HIM UP EVERY WEEKEND FOR TWENTY YEARS!

A WOLF IN CHAINS! THERE'S AN IDEA!!

AND A LITTLE DYNAMITE IN THAT BASEMENT WOULD LOOSE AN UNDERGROUND STREAM AND FLOOD ALL THIS DISTRICT... I ALSO KNOW SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE WE WERE JUST IN, WHERE THAT GANG HAS SET UP A JEWELRY SHOP... BUT I CAN'T RECALL... THE MODERN FRONT CHANGES IT SO!

IF WE'VE REALLY FOUND THE GANG... "STRANGE" ISN'T THE WORD BY HALF!

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DUKE! DUKE! I THINK WE'VE FOUND THEM!

NELL'S BELLS! THERE'S THAT GUY AGAIN... HE IS A TAIL... I GUESS WE'VE FOUND THE GANG... BUT THEY'VE FOUND US TOO!

IT IS A TRAP.... THAT IS WREN'S COUSIN THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN... THE GIRL AND OLD MAN SPOTTED US FOR HIM... THIS IS BAD... BLITZ MUST BE TOLD!

I'M GLAD YOU TOOK THE PLUNGE... FROM NOW ON LAST NAMES ARE OUT! RIGHT SILKY?

AND AREN'T I GLAD!

HEY! BREAK THAT UP.. I'VE GOT SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT!

THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN—Uncle Rip Will Know.

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YOU'RE BETTER ALREADY! YOU'LL BE FINE IN A FEW DAYS-AND THEN WE MUST PLAN THE RENDEZVOUS WITH OUR FRIENDS-THEY ARE OBEYING MY CABLED INSTRUCTIONS I KNOW!
FIRST WE MUST PLAN AN ESCAPE FROM HERE! THE POLICE ARENT FOOLS-THEY'LL SWARM NOW WHERE THEY LOST YOU! IF WE STAY THEY MAY FIND US!
YES! WE MAY BE UNCOVERED IF WE STAY HERE! THAT DEVIL, THE DUKE OF MANHATTAN IS CLEVER!
COULD FFROGGE POSSIBLY HAVE FOUND SOME SECRET HIDEOUT? I'LL ASK UNCLE RIP! HELL KNOW- HE KNOWS ALL MANHATTAN'S SECRETS!
BUT HE'S AT PALM BEACH WITH SILKY AND LETTE!
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